to ensure collection/disposal of mercury and mercury bearing wastes from the healthcare facilities as per the Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 as amended in 2003.

Smuggling of timber in North-Eastern States

† 3925. SHRI RK. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the smuggling of timber in a huge quantity from the North-Eastern States has been going on;

(b) if so, the details of the seized timber during the last three years, and

(c) the details of the revenue earned from the timber year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details of Timber seized in the North-Eastern-States and Revenue earned during the period 2001-02 to 2003-04 are as under:—

Year	Volume of timber seized (in cum.)	Revenue earned (Rs . in lakh)
2001-02	13881.3961	269.089
2002-03	12740.344	306.38
2003-04	10322.8335	309.836

Melting of Himalayan Glaciers

3926. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the global warming is seriously threatening the Himalayan Glaciers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Indian Space Scientists have gathered a concrete evidence which shows that four glaciers in Baspa basin are on the verge of disappearance;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.